

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 34 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1 through 19 and 29 through 34 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected inventions.

Applicant herein acknowledges the Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application, and affirms the election to prosecute the claims of Group III, claims 20 through 28, without traverse of the Restriction Requirement.

**Double Patenting Rejections**

Claims 20, 21 and 24 through 26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 12, 20, 22, 27, 31, 53, and 58 of U.S. Patent 6,764,882.

Claims 20, 21 and 24 through 26 are also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 17, 19, 20, 11, 23, 27, 29, 50, 51, 52, 58, and 75 through 78 of U.S. Patent 6,444,501.

Claim 23 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 12, 20, 22, 27, 31, 53 and 58 of U.S. Patent 6,764,882 in view of Miyamoto (U.S. Patent 4,910,582) and *Ibiden* (JP 07-171786).

Claim 23 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 50, 51, 52, 58 and 75 through 78 of U.S. Patent 6,444,501 in view of Miyamoto (U.S. Patent 4,910,582) and *Ibiden* (JP 07-171786).

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing terminal disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the terminal disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached are the terminal disclaimers and accompanying fees.

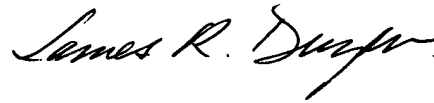
**Objections to Claims/Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 22, 27 and 28 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but are indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if placed in appropriate independent form. Applicant has not rewritten such claims as they are considered to be allowable as depending upon allowable independent claims.

Applicant submits that claims 20 through 28 are clearly allowable.

Applicant requests the allowance of claims 20 through 28 and the case passed for issue.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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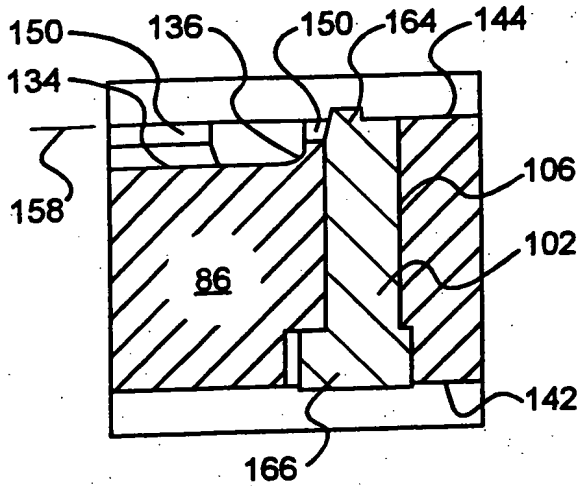
The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 16 and 17. These sheets, which include FIGS. 13 through 17, replace the previous drawing sheets, including FIGS. 13 through 17.

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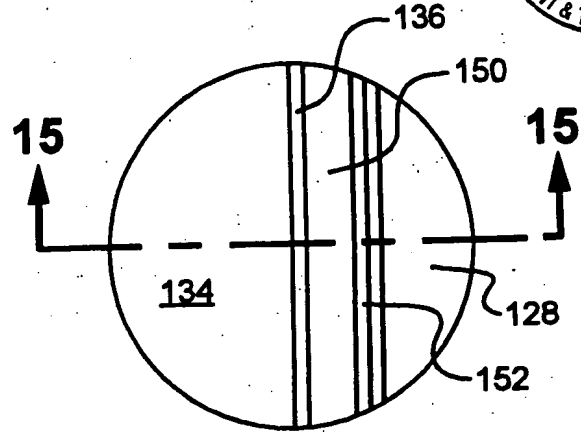
# **APPENDIX**

**(Replacement and Annotated Drawing Sheets for Figs 16 and 17)**

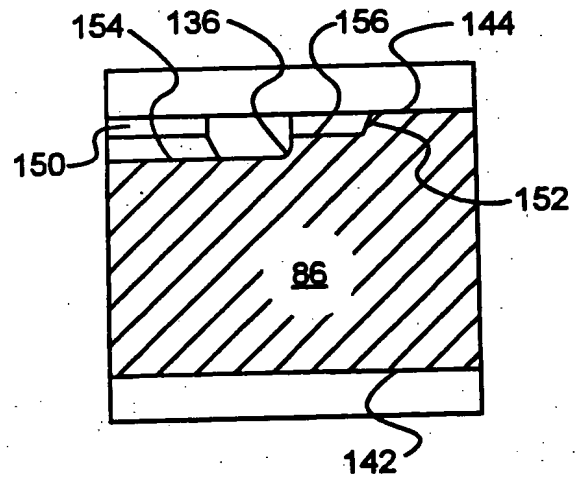
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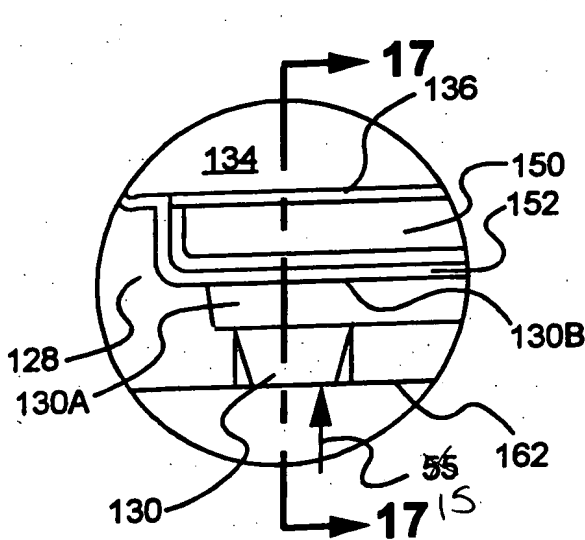
**FIG. 13**



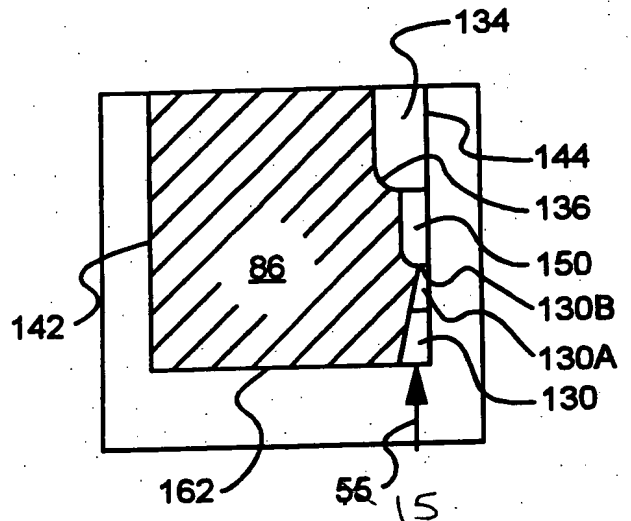
**FIG. 14**



**FIG. 15**



**FIG. 16**



**FIG. 17**